[*English*]

Contract of Book–Stalls on Railway Stations

2216 DR KRUPA SINDHU BHOI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether M/s A H Wheeler and Company has been allotted a large number of book–stalls on railway stations against payment of about 3 per cent royalty

(b) if so whether the Government propose to run these book–stalls by itself or to allot to other priority categories or to float tenders on maturity of the present contract, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) Yes Sir

(b) No Sir

(c) It is premature as the present contract is valid upto 31 12 1993

[*Translation*]

Doubling of Railway Line Between Kanpur and Jhansi

2217 SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the work of doubling the railway line between Kanpur and Jhansi is progressing in accordance with the schedule,

(b) if not the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken for the speedy implementation of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) to (c) There is no approved work of doubling of Kanpur–Jhansi section

Late running of Vikramshila Express

2218 SHRI BRAHMA NAND MANDAL Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the details of the late arrival of the Brahmaputra and Magadh–cum–Vikramshila Express at Delhi during the last three months, and

(b) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government to maintain punctuality of the trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) Brahmaputra Mail arrived Delhi 59 days late and Magadh–cum–Vikramashila Express arrived New Delhi 47 days late during Dec '91, Jan and Feb 1992

(b) Intensive chasing and round the clock monitoring to eliminate detentions within the control of the Railways

Environment and Afforestation Projects

2219 SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) the details of the environment and afforestation projects pending with the Ministry and since when, State wise

(b) the reasons for not cleaning them, and